Formation of Bodo Territorial Council area

3057. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the decision taken by Government in regard to the formation of Bodo Territorial Council (BTC) area; and

(b) the safeguards which are proposed in BTC Areas with respect to the political, socio-economic, cultural, land and language rights of Non-Bodos?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Home Affairs have informed that the tripartite peace talks involving the representatives of the Central Government, the Government of Assam and the Bodo Liberation Tiger are continuing for formation of Bodo Territorial Council. However, the Government is committed to protect the democratic alrights and the socio-economic interest of all the sections of the society.

Measures Taken under'the National Housing and Habitat Policy, 1998

3058. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether following the National Housing and Habitat Policy, 1998, a number of positive policy measures have been initiated on the financial, fiscal and legislative fronts;

(b) if so, whether these are not adequate to fulfil the Budget 2000-2001 vision target of "Housing for AH' to be realised by the year 2010;

(c) if so, the main reasons for not taking adequate steps in this regard; and

(d) the latest position about these projects?